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TOWN OFFICERS.

Selectmen,

WILLIAM B. MORRILL, Treasurer,
JOHN M. WADLEIGH,
CHARLES H. DOWNING.

Town Clerk,

WILLIAM H. BELKNAP.

Collector of Taxes,

JOSEPH N. HEAD.

School Committee,

CHARLES BURLEY,
GEORGE A. TITCOMB.

Library Committee,

BRADBURY L. CILLEY,
N. E. SOULE.

Librarian,

ANNIE PALMER.

Auditors,

JEWETT CONNER,
GEO. W. FURNALD,
WILLIAM M. HUNNEWELL.

Janitor,

ROBERT CARTER.

Engineers,

BENJAMIN L. MERRILL, Chief,
JOCOB CARLISLE,
CHARLES LANE,
ANDREW J. FOGG,
GEORGE W. GREEN,
SAMUEL S. THYNG, Clerk.

Police Officers,

MADISON SLEEPER,
JOSEPH A. PALMER,
JOHN M. MALLON,
CHARLES A. BLANCHARD,
JARIUS A. TILTON,
THOMAS E. MOORE,
WILLIAM G. BUKER.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

By the Selectmen

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1878.

Paid Town bonds and coupons,	$4788 00
Notes and interest,	8464 46
Salary of Collector, 1876,	352 06
Discount on taxes,	611 88
Exeter Gas Light Company, 1876, balance,	325 00
Moses N. Collins, Post,	75 00
Robinson Female Seminary,	4400 00
Repairs on Town Library,	500 00
School District tax, No. 1,	550 00
Benj. W. Dow, sheep killed by dogs,	6 50
Joseph Haley, sheep killed by dogs,	5 00
Arthur C. Haley, sheep killed by dogs,	6 00
Zebulon G. Thing, sheep killed by dogs,	6 00

Paid John W. Getchell, sewer on High street,	1610 00	
S. A. Brown, sewer on Court street,	619 13	
James Mannix, " "	44 50	
John Flanagan, land damages,	25 00	
Stephen Dolloff, sheep killed by dogs,	6 00	
William Conner, sheep killed by dogs,	22 00	
Leonard B. Smith, land damages,	50 00	
Non-resident highway taxes worked out,	4 64	
		$22471 17

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid Prudential Committee, District No. 1,	7085 00	
" No. 3,	211 47	
" No. 4,	198 41	
" No. 5,	325 94	
" No. 6,	196 55	
		$8017 37
Appropriation, Railroad tax, &c,		8017 37

TOWN LIBRARY.

Paid Library Committee,	$500 00
Appropriation,	500 00

EXETER GAS LIGHT CO.

Paid W. W. West, Superintendent,	325 00	
Balance unexpended,	325 00	
		$650 00
Appropriation,		650 00

STATE TAX.

Paid John A. Carter, Treasurer,	$5164 00
Appropriation,	5164 00

COUNTY TAX.

Paid George E. Lane, Treasurer,	$5620 45
Appropriation,	5620 45

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid Engineers,	$90 00
Fountain, No. 1,	583 00
Union, No. 2,	448 00
Eagle Steamer, No. 1,	168 00
Pioneer, No. 1,	144 00
Hook & Ladder,	144 00
Blake Hose Company,	500 00
Charles J. Smith,	123 25
Samuel Holmes,	53 63
Levi G. Towle, 1876,	54 00
W. W. West,	38 24

Paid Charles E. Currier,	50 00
Samuel Holmes,	18 65
C. W. Colbath,	17 00
Jerry Carter,	17 00
George W. Holmes,	12 79
Jerry Carter,	16 50
Kelly & Gardner,	13 74
Exeter Gas Light Company,	10 21
John A. Sinclair,	10 00
Exeter Manufacturing Company,	7 61
Herbert A. Coburn,	8 00
Ammi R. Wiggin,	7 00
C. K. Fifield,	10 00
James I. Watson,	7 00
Woodbury Berry,	6 00
Steele & Carlisle,	5 84
William Fellows,	5 00
Exeter Manufacturing Co., rent 5 years,	5 00
James Bruce,	4 00
H. J. Paul,	2 15
B. & Maine Railroad,	2 00
John Flanagan,	2 00
B. G. Purinton,	2 10
Patrick Kelleher,	2 00
Daniel S. Jones,	1 00
John Conner,	1 00
Patrick Kelleher,	1 00
R. G. Clemons,	50
Exeter Machine Works,	5 44
James I. Watson,	5 50
Tilton & Fleming,	5 30
Steele & Carlisle,	3 20
Woodbury Berry,	18 00
A. J. Currier,	2 00
E. O. Lovering, coal,	41 34

Paid I. T. Purinton,	2 00	
Porter & Thyng,	26 20	
Charles Lane,	5 20	
George W. Furnald,	4 50	
E. Folsom & Co.,	7 95	
Perkins Express,	13 95	
		$2731 69
Appropriation,	2,500 00	
From Contingent Fund,	231 69	
		$2,731 69

HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES AND SIDEWALKS.

Paid Sebastian A. Brown, plank,	239 83
John M. Wadleigh, Water street crossing,	185 86
Joseph R. Staples, stone work,	182 70
Sebastian A. Brown, Surveyor,	175 49
Dennis Shea, tile, 1876,	168 00
John M. Wadleigh, work on Lincoln street,	139 40
John Flanagan, concrete, 1876,	138 85
John M. Wadleigh, lumber, 1876,	108 98
James W. Brown, 1876,	100 95
John Flanagan,	93 38
Izzack A. Brown, gravel,	95 00
Leonard B. Smith, 1876,	59 95
Levi G. Towle,	56 00
Charles A. Merrill,	55 40
William A. Moore.	45 25
John Flood, 1876,	46 50
E. Batchelder,	44 00

Paid Stephen M. Towle,	42 00
Dennis Murphy,	33 75
John S. Pike, Surveyor,	33 00
Est George S. Yeaton, gravel, 1876,	32 43
Jacob P. Cilley,	31 00
George W. Nason,	29 81
Solomon S. Perkins, Surveyor, 1876,	27 16
Exeter Manufacturing Company,	23 75
Nathan Langmaid,	24 13
Zebulon G. Thing, breaking roads, 1876,	28 00
John Tilton,	21 00
Christopher Elliot, 1876,	19 00
Williard C. Foster,	17 43
Samuel Holmes, lumber,	16 22
John Flood,	11 00
William A. Moore, 1876,	11 50
George W. Nason,	11 00
Benjamin F. Barker, lumber,	13 65
John Flood,	11 87
Michael Allen,	9 00
John Tilton, breaking roads, 1876,	8 00
W. E. Talbot.	6 60
Mathew Coyle.	5 00
Exeter Manufacturing Company,	5 00
William S. Brown,	6 00
William Broughton,	5 00
Newton Cram,	12 00
Jeremiah Flynn,	4 75
Joseph Tilton,	4 00
Stephen M. Towle, 1876,	3 75
Peter O'Neil, 1876,	4 00
E. Batchelder,	3 00
Joseph O. Marsh, broaking roads, 1876,	3 25
Peter Rooney,	7 18

Paid James Ellerson,	1 00
John Gilman, sand,	22 25
George A. Carlisle, Surveyor,	73 76
J. O. Marsh, Surveyor,	19 88
John Flanagan, concrete,	40 00
Solomon S. Perkins,	14 41
Samuel Holmes,	17 60
A. J. Fogg,	82 95
John W. Elliot, Surveyor, 1875,	47 79
A. J. Glover,	1 50
Joseph R. Staples, 1876,	21 00
Edward Giddings, Surveyor,	19 00
John W. Getchell, tile,	182 75
E. O. Lovering,	4 00
Nicholas Rollins, breakin g roads,	7 75
James W. Brown,	16 75
John T. G. Haley, Surveyor,	26 62
Charles Lane,	17 35
Levi G. Towle,	14 06
Gilman Barker, lumber,	123 65
Jewett Conner,	4 00
W. E. Talbot, bricks,	7 20
Lorenzo D. Nealey, 1876,	11 25
Jewett Conner, Surveyor,	14 65
John M. Wadleigh, lumber,	93 15
Nath. Lord, breaking roads,	10 00
George W. Greene,	3 65
Lorenzo D. Nealey,	8 00
Noah Barker, Surveyor,	26 33
Thomas Warburton,	9 70
George W. Furnald,	45 31
William H. Harris, lumber,	40 90
Gilman Barker,	4 75
Leonard B. Smith,	153 09

Paid Nathan T. Bachelder & Son,	47 11	
		$3690 95
Appropriation,	1,000 00	
From Contingent Fund,	2,690 95	
		$3,690 95

POLICE AND CONSTABLES.

Paid Madison Sleeper, Police officer,			$51 00
John M. Mallon	"		68 00
Joseph A. Palmer	"		71 00
Jarius A. Tilton	"		69 00
William G. Buker	"		61 00
Thomas E. Moore	"		44 00
Charles A. Blanchard	"		17 00
Otis T. Buttrick	"	1876	31 00
W. O. Perkins	"	"	8 00
John Conner	"	"	13 00
Perkins & Co., furniture,			9 00
Otis T. Buttrick,			5 50
Alva Wood rent,			50 00
Exeter Gas Light Co.,			10 20
Joseph A. Palmer, notifying town officers,			20 00
D. M. Quimby,			1 25
Edwin F. Jones, special police,			6 00
Amasa T. Haynes	"		6 00
C. K. Fifield	"		7 00
E. F. Jones	"	1876,	3 00
Daniel A. Shaw	"		6 00
C. L. Rundlett	"		3 00
Jefferson Maxwell	"		3 00

Paid C. H. Calkin, special police 1876,		3 00	
T. J. Harris "		2 00	
Benjamin G. Kelley "		6 00	
Orville R. Drew "		6 00	
E. G. Eastman,		5 00	
James W. Odlin, Jailer,		31 21	
George F. Conner, special police,		5 00	
George E. Lane, Associate Justice,		12 00	
John J. Bell, Judge,	207 44		
Cr.			
By Fees, Fines &c.,	89 90		
		117 54	
George E. Lane, Court records,		9 50	
			$768 70
From contingent fund,			$768 70

EXPENSES OF TOWN HALL.

Paid Robert Carter, Janitor,	$116 00	
Exeter Gas Light Co.,	138 15	
Robert Carter, expenses &c.,	27 95	
Balance carried to contingent fund,	124 33	
		$406 43
Receipts for use of Town Hall,		$406 43

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Insurance,	$243 75
Brown & Warren,	167 41
Charles Marseilles, 1876,	133 50
John Johnston, ringing bell 1876,	75 00

Paid Wingate & Dunton,	78	00
James I. Watson,	48	40
Weeks & Staples,	26	68
Kelly & Gardner,	35	08
Ammi R. Wiggin,	27	99
Samuel Holmes,	21	24
G. C. Lyford,	25	77
B. G. Purinton,	25	00
Patterson & Lavender,	22	00
William S. Brown,	21	00
W. O. Perkins,	20	25
Alva W. Fifield,	19	80
Ezra S. Durgin,	16	20
A. W. Dudley,	16	00
C. G. Conner, Moderator 1876,	15	00
A. W. Dudley,	15	00
B. G. Purinton,	10	00
E. G. Lane,	3	00
E. G. Marston,	7	00
Albert Averill,	7	50
William S. Brown,	12	50
C. C. Odlin,	6	75
Nathaniel Swasey,	1	64
Steele & Carlisle,	7	95
Wingate & Dunton,	1	00
Ezra S. Durgin,	5	50
Ezra Bartlett,	4	25
Z. J. Wiggin,	5	46
Charles M. Lamprey,	3	00
B. L. Jenness,	3	00
Clarence E. Purinton,	3	00
B. & M. Railroad,		77
Auditors,	8	00
James R. Thing,	2	00
Ivan T. Purinton,	3	60

Paid James Ellison,	3 50	
Levi Bennett, bounty on foxes,	1 00	
Exeter Machine Works,	6 00	
John W. Getchell,	68 64	
Steele & Carlisle,	13 97	
School Committee,	80 00	
C. N. Colbath,	22 25	
C. W. Young,	3 50	
Hannah Brown,	8 00	
C. W. Young,	12 05	
John W. Getchell,	7 77	
Kelly & Gardner,	142 17	
Ivan T. Purinton,	3 00	
Dr. W. G. Perry, recording births and deaths,	25 50	
George E. Lane,	59 31	
David M. Quimby,	25 00	
George W. Furnald, 1876,	16 25	
E. Folsom & Co.	1 10	
Perkins Express,	1 50	
Selectmen,	300 00	
		$1,949 51
From contingent fund,		$1,949 51

SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

Paid Insane Asylum,	$271 21	
Downing & Read, wood,	136 06	
Alice McManus,	134 00	
Mrs. John Leavitt,	104 00	
John C. Dutch, wood,	107 00	
Downing & Read, wood,	91 25	
" "	87 00	
Eunice Bickford,	78 00	

Paid Mrs. Batchelder,		65	00
Betsey O. Marsh,		61	75
C. H. & A. W. Downing, wood,		65	00
George W. Lane,		50	00
Downing & Read,		58	91
Samuel Greenleaf,		40	50
Sarah Brown,		40	75
Alva Wood, rent,		50	00
B. & Maine railroad, fares,		30	18
Dr. A. Carroll,		22	35
Dr. E. Bartlett,		19	25
Charles A. Merrill,		16	42
Levi G. Towle,		15	50
Susan Merrill,		13	00
John C. Dutch,		11	50
Kelly & Garder,		12	40
W. O. Perkins, care of tramps,		13	00
Otis T. Buttrick "	1876,	10	00
" "		3	00
Charles A. Blanchard "		4	75
John Conner "		2	75
Edmund Thurston "		2	25
Dr. C. Warren,		13	00
Anna L. Earley,		6	70
Hannah Blossom,		8	00
Dr. C. C. Odlin,		5	00
Exeter Gas Light Co.,		5	10
Crockett & Downing,		4	17
C. N. Colbath,		8	75
Downing & Read,		40	43
John C. Dutch, wood,		7	00
Madison Sleeper, care of tramps,		6	34
Joseph A. Palmer "		54	83
John M. Mallon "		45	50
E. O. Lovering, coal,		10	50

Paid Dr. E. Bartlett,	9 00	
T. E. Moore, care of tramps,	23 50	
Jarius A. Tilton "	28 34	
Wm. G. Buker "	6 50	
A. S. Wetherell,	5 00	
Henry Little,	3 12	
Levi G. Towle,	8 00	
Heirs Nathaniel Gilman, wood,	3 75	
Overseers,	100 00	
		$2,019 64
Appropriation,	600 00	
County of Rockingham,	1,018 51	
From contingent fund,	401 13	
		$2,019 64

RECEIPTS.

Taxes assessed for 1877 including non-resident, highway and dog taxes,	$37,667 39	
Borrowed money,	11,910 00	
Railroad tax,	2,027 60	
Savings Bank tax,	1,229 65	
Literary Fund,	232 63	
Insurance tax,	7 50	
United States, rent of Court rooms,	200 00	
Rent of Town Hall,	406 53	
County of Rockingham,	1,018 51	
William W. Stickney, concrete walk,	29 50	
School District No. 1,	30 00	
Sundry individuals, Sewer tax,	280 00	
Outstanding taxes,	6,567 68	
Cash on hand March 1, 1877,	3,767 74	
		$65,374 63

RECAPITULATION OF EXPENDITURES.

Paid State tax,		$5,164 00
County tax,		5,620 45
Town Bonds and Coupons,		4,788 00
Notes and interest,		8,464 56
Discount on taxes,		611 88
Salary of Collector, 1876,		352 06
Exeter Gas Light Co., 1876,		325 00
Moses N. Collins Post,		75 00
Robinson Female Seminary,		4,400 00
Repairs of Town Library,		500 00
School District No. 1, tax,		550 00
Sheep killed by dogs,		51 51
Expense of Sewers,		2,273 63
Land damages,		75 00
Town Library,		500 00
Support of Schools,		8,017 37
Exeter Gas Light Co.,		325 00
Fire Department,		2,731 69
Highways, bridges &c.,		3,690 95
Police and Constables,		768 70
Expenses of Town Hall,		282 10
Miscellaneous,		1,949 51
Support of the Poor,		2,019 64
Abatement of taxes for	1871,	44 53
" "	1872,	25 96
" "	1873,	327 73
" "	1874,	278 95
" "	1875,	89 18
" "	1876,	263 26
" "	1877,	100 60
Outstanding taxes,	1871,	39 00
" "	1872,	24 22
" "	1873,	185 44
" "	1874,	784 91
" "	1875,	531 83
" "	1876,	2,085 52
" "	1877,	4,279 49
Cash on hand,		2,777 57
		$65,374 63

Exeter, N, H., March 7, 1878.

We the undersigned have this day examined the accounts of the town as exhibited to us by the Selectmen, and find them well vouched and correctly cast, and find a balance of twenty-seven hundred and seventy-seven dollars and fifty-seven cents in the hands of the Selectmen.

GEO. W. FURNALD,
Wm. M. HUNNEWELL, } Auditors.

TOWN INDEBTEDNESS.

Town Bonds,	$30,100 00	
Notes payable,	19,910 00	
Coupons and interest,	1,200 00	
Nancy G. Lovering, land damages,	40 00	
Sundry Individuals,	15 00	
Bills outstanding estimated,	800 00	
School District No. 1, tax,	4,130 00	
		$56,195 00

ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

Taxes 1871,	$39 00	
" 1872,	24 22	
" 1873,	185 44	
" 1874,	784 91	
" 1875,	531 83	
" 1876,	2,085 52	
" 1877,	4,279 49	
County of Rockingham,	114 00	
Cement Tile,	200 00	
Sundry Individuals for sewer tax,	530 00	
Bonds and other evidences of Debt,	2,600 00	
Cash,	2,777 57	
		$14,151 98

WILLIAM B. MORRILL,
JOHN M. WADLEIGH.
CHARLES H. DOWNING, } Selectmen. of Exeter.

CHIEF ENGINEER'S REPORT.

The force of the fire department, as organized, consists of one. Chief and five assistant Engineers. To the Eagle Steamer Company is attached fifteen men. To the Fountain No. 1 Company, fifty men. To the Union No. 2, thirty-seven men For the Fire Extinguisher, twelve men, and for the Hook and Ladder company, ten menmaking the whole number of men employed by the dapartment one hundred and thirty. Two years ago one hundred and fifty men were attached to the department, and after giving a trial of this reduction of twenty men, your board of Engineers are of the opinion the department is quite as efficient as under the former organization.

The duties of the firemen for the year have been unusually light—twice only being called out for active duty, consequently the wear upon the apparatus is trifling, and a small expenditure has kept it in condition for immediate use. Although the duties of the department during the year have been light, yet at all times when an alarm is given, the men promptly respond to the call, and are energetic and active in the performance of their duties. And your board of Engineers are of the opinion that all the companies to whom are entrusted the care of the apparatus, are filled with men, able and competent, and that the facilities which the department has, is better organized than in any previous year.

Respectfully Submitted,

B. L. MERRILL, Chief Engineer.

REPORT OF THE TOWN LIBRARY COMMITTEE

For the year ending March 12, 1878.

In addition to our usual duties we were directed by vote of the Town, at the annual meeting in March, 1877, to make c ertain repairs upon the Old Town Hall in accordance with the report of a Committee on that subject accepted in Nov. 1876. The work was done during the summer, and in September the library was reopened with greatly improved accommodations. At the same time the Natural History Society and the Grangers were provided with good rooms down stairs. The second story was divided into suitable rooms for the Post of the Grand Army and the Cornet Band.

The Selectmen had the outside of the building painted and the roof repaired temporarily, but it must be shingled or slated to preserve its valuable contents. All the gas pipe in the building now belongs to the town.

We wish to call the attention of all the citizens to the fact that the Library suffers every year from the carelessness of its patrons. Some books have been lost, and many more are abused. The books are for the good of every citizen, and all should take pride in making good use of them.

The size of the Library increases yearly, and the number of persons using it increases too; but too large a per cent. of the appropriation each year has to be expended in repairing and replacing old books. The thanks of the town for valuable books presented to the Library during the past year, are due to Oliver

J. Rand Esq. of Boston, Hon. B. Wadleigh, U. S. S., Geo. E Emery of Lynn, and Hon. Charles H. Bell.

The Library is open every Wednesday and Saturday from 3 to 5 and from 6 to 8 P. M.

The amount appropriated by the town for repairs was $500, which has been expended as follows :—

Charles W. Young,	$349 00
Geo. E. Lane,	11 80
John W. Getchell,	23 75
B. G. Purinton,	20 50
Palmer & Taylor,	7 0
A. G. Whitcomb (settees,)	9 45
Perkins' express,	2 25
Chas. N. Colbath,	7 50
Weeks & Staples,	4 20
Kelly & Gardner,	4 55
W. W. West,	61 50
	495 20
Cash on hand,	4 80
	$500 00

The ordinary account of receipts and expenditures is as follows :—

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand from last year,	76 41
Appropriation voted by the town,	500 00
Fines and Catalogues,	12 55
	$588 96

EXPENDITURES.

Printing supplement to catalogues,	60 00
Librarian's salary,	150 00
Gas,	18 28
Insurance,	18 75
Wood, coal and labor,	19 66
Sundries,	3 65
Record book,	8 50
Stationery,	14 26
Printing and advertising,	17 00
New books,	167 12
Re-binding old books,	42 70
Replacing old books,	48 38
	$568 30
Cash in hands of Committee,	20 66
	$588 96

We respectfully recommend that $500 be raised for the support of the Library for the coming year.

BRADBURY L. CILLEY,
N. E. SOULE, } Committee.

ROBINSON FEMALE SEMINARY.

To the Selectmen of Exeter :

The Treasurer of the Robinson Female Seminary begs leave to make the following report for the year ending March 1st, 1878 :—

Cash on hand, March 1, 1877,	$35 08	
" " " Proceeds of Stock in the Metropolitan Bank, retired,	3125 00	
		$3160 08

RECEIPTS.

From the Bank of Commerce of New York, for stock retired,	$25,000 00
From the Town of Exeter, interest on loan,	4,400 00
	$32,560 08

INCOME ACCOUNT.

Dividend from Mechanic's Bank Association,	$162 50	
Bank of State of New York,	560 00	
Metropolitan Bank, "	750 00	
Bank of "	280 00	
Merchants' Bank "	525 00	
Bank of Commerce "	2,500 00	
Interest on bonds,	500 00	
Tuitions,	190 00	
School books sold to pupils,	10 00	
Sales of grass, &c., on School grounds,	128 00	
Rent on Principal's house,	200 00	
		5,805 50
		$38,365 58

PAYMENTS.

In purchase of Stocks and bonds,	$28,658 85
Temporary loan,	250 00
Teachers salaries,	5,440 02
School books and stationery,	257 50
Salary of Treasurer,	270 00
Salary of Secretary for 1876,	40 00
Expenses of transfer of stocks, postage, &c.,	37 00

SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Fuel,	$395 34
Engineer,	458 00

Janitress to July 1877,	150 00	
Exeter Band at Commencement,	50 00	
Town hall and attendance at Commencement,	18 75	
Graduating Class at Commencement,	15 00	
Printing at Commencement,	11 00	
Diplomas, &c., at Commencement,	6 60	
Gas,	14 88	
Moving Water ram,	89 97	
Advertising, &c.,	16 53	
Chemical apparatus,	3 56	
		$1,229 63

SCHOOL EDIFICE.

Repairs of slating,	$74 46	
" black boards,	24 00	
" tin work and piping,	10 18	
Paints, glass, &c.,	19 21	
		$127 85
Lumber, nails, &c., for school grounds,		5 27
" " repairing Principal's house,		5 31
		$36,321 43
Cash on hand,		2,044 15
		$38,365 58

Since the last report some changes have been made in the investments, and the following shows the character of the stock and bonds held at this time :

250	Shares in	Bank of Commerce, New York,	par $100.
80	" "	State of " "	100.
130	"	Mechanics' Banking Association, New York,	par 100
75	"	Metropolitan Nat'l bank	par 100
40	"	Bank of New York, New York,	par 100
150	"	Merchants Bank, New York,	par 100
120	"	Merchandize Bank of Boston,	par 100
600	"	Delaware and Hudson Canal Company,	par 100
$10,000	in bonds,	City of Columbus, O.	
4,000	" "	St. Louis. Mo.	
2,000	" "	County of St. Louis, Mo.	

No dividend has been received on the Delaware and Hudson stock during the past year.

The Mechanics' Banking Association passed the November dividend. All the other banking institutions paid the amounts as above stated.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES BURLEY,

Treasurer.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Town of Exeter:—

The School Committee submit the following report:

In April 1877, the Selectmen reported the whole number of children between the ages of five and fifteen to be 489.

The largest number reported as attending school in any one term between the ages above named is 484. Average attendance reported for the two terms is 412.

The teachers for the year now near the close of the winter term, have been as follows:—

High School,—Mr. Albion Burbank.

Grammar School,—Mr. Sperry French.

Spring St. Intermediate,—Miss Maria A. Buckingham.

Spring St. Primary,—Miss Jennie Harvey.

Plains Primary,—Miss Mary A. Burnham.

Hall Place,—Miss Sarah Caverno.

Prospect Hill,—Mrs. Kate H. Davis.

Grove St.,—Miss J. A. Dustin, Miss Mary E. Calef.

School St.,—Miss Annie R. Dearborn.

Dist. No. 3.—Miss Harriet L. Smith.

Dist. No. 4.—Mrs. M. L. Haley, Mr. J. McDuffee.

Dist. No. 5.—Miss Ida M. Sinclair, Mr. C. Kimball.

*Dist.No.*6.—Miss E. F. Kimball, Miss G. Brown, Miss E. A. Judkins.

The following table shows the Attendance, Studies, &c., &c., for the first two terms of the year.

		Length of School in weeks.	Whole No. of Scholars.	Average No. of Scholars.	Pupils in Reading.	Spelling.	Penmanship.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammer.
High School.	1st. Term.	12	31	30	30	30	30	26		26
	2d. Term.	14	41	44	46	46	46	26		26
Grammar School.	1st. Term.	12	93	84	93	93	93	93	93	9
	2d. Term.	14	87	82	87	87	87	87	87	
Spring Street	1st. Term.	12	51	46	51	51	51	51	51	51
Intermediate School.	2d. Term.	14	59	51	59	59	59	59	59	59
Spring Street	1st. Term.	12	45	39	45	45	23	23	8	
Primary School.	2d. Term.	14	41	32	41	41	24	24	12	
Plains,	1st. Term.	12	46	38	46	46	23	23	18	
Primary.	2d. Term.	14	45	35	45	45	18	35	24	
Hall Place.	1st. Term.	12	53	43	53	53	27	27	27	
	2d. Term.	14	40	32	40	40	14	28	14	
Prospect Hill.	1st. Term.	12	31	27	31	31	19	19	17	
	2d. Term.	14	26	22	26	26	19	19	11	
Grove Street.	1st. Term.	12	37	31	37	37	29	32	23	
	2d. Term.	14	38	30	25	25	25	20	8	
School Street.	1st. Term.	12	39	32	39	39	20	20	8	
	2d. Term.	14	33	28	33	33	22	20	6	
District No. 3.	1st. Term.	10	7	6	7	7	2	5	2	
	2d. Term.	15	8	7	8	8	3	5	2	
District No. 4.	1st. Term.	12	5	4	5	5	5	5	3	3
	2d. Term.	10	5	4	5	5	5	5	3	3
District No. 5.	1st. Term.	10	21	14	21	21	9	13	8	3
	2d. Term.	12	25	20	25	25	10	17	12	7
District No. 6.	1st. Term.	11	25	23	25	25	14	18	12	5
	2d. Term.	8	25	20	25	25	15	16	14	7

THE HIGH SCHOOL

Under the charge of Mr. Burbank has shown in a marked degree, throughout the year, the effect of faithful and well-directed effort on the part of the principal. The same spirit of honorable ambition, earnestness and steady aim towards useful culture has been manifest, on the part of the pupils, as was noted last year.

At the close of the Spring term of 1877, eight graduates received their diplomas, and at the opening of the new year twenty-eight were admitted.

For the purpose of relieving the Grammar school from its over-crowded condition, the committee, at the last examination, promoted several meritorious scholars, who were not in Mr. French's first class, to the High school. The experiment proved, in the main, satisfactory, the pupils having, under this stimulus of advancement, maintained generally a good position, and are doing well.

The Committee feel compelled to say that the want of a few books of reference for use in this school is a serious hindrance to profitable work. Even a Cyclopædia, or some comprehensive work from which the pupils might obtain information on the subjects of Mechanics, Engineering, the Trades, the Arts, the Natural Sciences, etc., would be of immense benefit, and it is to be hoped that a few books of this character may be furnished to the students, who are now restricted to the use of a *dilapidated* quarto dictionary. Such aid as these books would furnish is absolutely necessary to carry out the design of the course of study, which is (as was stated in a former report), "particularly to give instruction in the higher English branches, and such general education as

shall prepare our young men for the requirements of business."

THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Although an unusual number of promotions to the High School was made at the opening of the present year, yet the average attendance at this school has been about the same as given in the last report, and the committee see no reason why the excessive number will not continue another year, at least.

Mr. French, by his energy and industry, certainly brings about astonishing results, considering the small amount of time he is able to give to each pupil. His example, system and methods cannot fail to impress even the dullest scholar that attendance in that school means business, and the committee are pleased to say that much credit is due to the boys, who, in the absence of rigid rules, by their self-command, obedience and prompt attention, show their readiness to aid him in his laborious work.

SPRING STREET SCHOOL.

Miss Buckingham occupies a difficult position; that of preparing, as one class, for the Seminary and Grammar school, pupils gathered from all the Primaries, where a wide difference in home culture, always operates against uniformity in progress.

The examinations so far have shown that she has done faithful and satisfactory work.

THE PRIMARY SCHOOL,

Under Miss Harvey always has a bright and cheery aspect. The scholars are interested, make good progress, and the Committee are satisfied that the school has fallen into worthy hands.

For the reason that the number of pupils became too small to justify the expense of

THE PLAINS INTERMEDIATE,

It was closed, and Miss Burnham of the

PLAINS PRIMARY,

has had charge of those scholars who are preparing for promotion. She has faithfully carried on the work both in the advanced and primary classes, and has succeeded with the material placed in her hands, to an extent' which is worthy of high commendation.

GROVE STREET SCHOOL.

This school, under the charge of Miss Calef, still holds its reputation. Her pains-taking care is bringing about good results, and meets with a hearty response and interest on the part of the children.

SCHOOL STREET PRIMARY.

Miss Dearborn has shown herself well qualified to meet the requirements of the young people under her charge. Her efforts for their improvement are a decided success.

HALL PLACE SCHOOL.

This school continues to exhibit the signs of improvement, indicated in the report of last year. The majority of the pupils require much care and labor to bring them up to their work, and Miss Caverno has done effective service in this direction.

PROSPECT HILL SCHOOL.

Mrs. Davis still maintains her well-earned position in the esteem of her scholars and their parents. Very gratifying evidences of improvement in all respects, in this school, have been shown in the past two years.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Miss Smith has carried on the work in this school with the satisfactory approval of the District. Her efforts are, however, impeded, and the morals of the school are seriously endangered by some elements of character in the school, which defy the teacher's authority. It is to be hoped that the District will apply a remedy, if needed, on the opening of a new term.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Mrs. M. L. Haley retired from this school at the close of the fifth week of the second term, and Jarvis McDuffee, Esq. consented to take the charge till the end of the term. It is a serious misfortune for those four or five children, that they cannot have the advantage of being

in a larger school, where they would be benefitted by contact with many children of their own age, and the wholesome stimulus of a cheerful school.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Miss Sinclair retired from the charge of this school in January, on account of ill health, and Mr. Chas. Kimball was employed for the remainder of the term. Good progress has been made, especially among the younger of the scholars, and we hope that Mr. K. will soon be able to report well for some of the older portion, who have certainly not done themselves or their teacher much credit, as it is quite evident they chose to set her authority and influence aside, and behave in a manner entirely subversive to the cause of good morals.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

As stated last year Miss Kimball met with a good degree of success in the management of those under her charge, bringing the school out of an apparent state of deadness, and the Committee were led to expect good results as she gained in experience. But the prudential committee saw fit to make a change of teachers entirely uncalled for, and for no good reason, and the school lost ground in consequence. A second change became necessary, and the District is to be congratulated in securing the services of Miss Judkins, who has just closed her term of nine weeks. The school shows marked indications of a revival of interest and progress, and it is to be hoped that it will continue to have the benefit of her services.

We venture to say that this school house has a situation which, for natural beauty, is known to few buildings of its class, and the scholars of the district rejoice in the shade of those two grand old oaks which Gov. John Taylor Gilman once owned and permitted to grow, until now they are hardly equalled in our County if in the State. Yet the miserable and unsightly outhouse is allowed to remain year after year, a reproach to the neighborhood. It is entirely unworthy the people of the district and should be removed, and the buildings connected with the school edifice remodelled.

REMARKS.

The committee have satisfaction in saying that they believe the schools are in as good condition as at the beginning of the year, but it must be confessed that many of the district schools of Exeter are very far below the proper standard, and this mainly owing to the *entire want of aids*, which all teachers must have in order to secure the best results. A school-room without a globe, maps, or any of the useful apparatus which is to be found in most of the schools of New England is unworthy of the reputation of our town, and it is to be hoped that this great want will be supplied before another school year begins.

CHARLES BURLEY,
GEO. A. TITCOMB.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

OF THE

ROBINSON FEMALE SEMINARY.

To the Town of Exeter :—

At the close of the last School year it was apparent from the diminished income from the Robinson fund, that a very considerable reduction in the expenses of the Institution would be absolutely necessary. To effect this reduction and still continue "such a course of instruction as would tend to make female scholars equal to all the practical duties of life," agreeably to the will of the founder, the Trustees decided to re-organize the School. Accordingly a plan was adopted, dividing the Seminary into two distinct departments, called the Grammar department and the Academic department, the regular course of Studies in each to embrace four years. And in order to enable those pupils who could not pursue the full course of study prescribed for graduation, to enjoy all the advantages of the Institution possible during the time of their connection therewith, it was resolved that any scholar might take any particular studies in the Academic department which she might be found fitted to pursue.

Under this arrangement the following Instructors have been employed for the year ending in June next:

In the Academic Department, Miss Harriet E. Paine, Principal, Miss Annie M. Kilham, Miss Lucy Bell, Mr. Oscar Faulhaber.

In the Grammar Department, Miss Elizabeth C. Brydge, Principal, Miss Laura A. Colbath, Miss Dustin in place of Miss Hetta L. Clement who resigned at the close of term last year.

Want of funds has compelled the Trustees to dispense with the services of a teacher of vocal music, and also with the services of a Janitress.

The number of pupils at present in the Seminary is as follows:

Grammar Department,	135
Academic Department,	50
Pupils in French and German,	60
" Latin,	34
" from out of town,	10
" graduated in June, 1877,	11

The Trustees regret that they have been compelled to make a very considerable reduction in the salaries of all the instructors and also in the pay of the Treasurer and Janitor. All realizing the necessity for this reduction have submitted to it without a murmur.

The Trustees have the gratification of reporting to the town, that in their opinion, the present organization of the School is a success; that the School was never better conducted, and the progress of the pupils in their studies never more satisfactory than during the present year. The teachers are among the most accomplished

in their profession, and they have been eminently successful in their work.

The total expenditures for the School for the year ending July 1877 were $10,148 75.

The expenditures for the year ending July 1878, will be about $6,477, leaving a deficit of about $362.

GILMAN MARSTON,
ALBERT C. PERKINS,
SAMUEL W. LEAVITT,
GEO. W. FURNALD,
WM. G. PERRY,
GEO. A. WENTWORTH,
BENJAMIN L. MERRILL,
} *Trustees.*

REPORT

OF THE

Prudential Committee

OF

School District No. 1,

FOR THE

Year Ending March 16,

1878.

REPORT

OF THE

Prudential Committee of School District No 1,

For the Year Ending March 12 1878.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand from last year,	$ 31 44
Received from Selectmen,	7,085 00
" " Tuitions,	99 00
	$7,215 44

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Mr. Albion Burbank,	$1,600 00
Mr. Sperry French,	1,500 00
Miss M. A. Buckingham,	450 00
Miss C. A. Haley (one term),	150 00
Miss J. A. Dustin, (one term),	120 00
Miss S. Caverno,	360 00
Miss M. A. Burnham,	348 00
Miss J. R. Harvey,	360 00
Mrs. Kate M. Davis,	324 00
Miss A. R. Dearborn,	324 00
Miss M. E. Calef, (two terms)	216 00

Paid J. C. Dutch, wood,	23 00
L. B. Smith "	18 50
J. S. Hayes "	5 75
B. F. Swasey "	3 50
J. C. Dutch "	126 82
D. C. Hawes, wood,	18 75
Samuel Greenleaf, sawing wood,	1 25
Daniel Sanborn "	3 00
John Caswell "	1 00
William Nichols "	1 50
T. G. Lang "	4 25
Christopher Elliott, "	10 53
W. A. Moore, "	10 10
Daniel Sanborn, "	9 75
William Nichols, shovelling snow,	75
Arthur Gray, sawing wood,	1 00
Henry Mayhall, "	1 00
Care of school rooms, estimated,	59 75
Hammitt, maps,	9 00
Wingate & Dunton, printing,	12 00
Frank Walker, labor,	5 00
Mrs. Atherton, cleaning school rooms,	23 00
Freights B & M. Railroad,	2 33
James Flynn, labor,	3 00
Stamps and stationery,	1 50
W. W. West,	6 00
Brown & Warren, repairs,	41 05
C. H. Palmer, repairs,	92 05
A. R. Wiggin, "	11 53
Geo. E. Lane, supplies,	13 37
J. W. Getchell, stoves, &c.,	62 30
Kelley & Gardner, supplies,	10 60
Robert Carter, care of hall, &c.,	39 33
Porter & Thyng, supplies,	1 26
Jamuel Greenleaf. sawing wood,	1 25

Paid Selectmen, rent of Town land,	30 00
Charles Marseilles, printing.	10 50
C. W. Young, building fence,	13 60
J. L. Smith, repairs,	2 25
A. J. Whitcomb, desks,	111 00
U. S. Ventilator Co., ventilator,	33 33
Seavey & Co., registers,	5 04
McElwin, re-slating blackboards,	30 00
Interest to National Granite State Bank,	43 00
James Rundlett, sawing wood, &c.,	5 50
Dictionary for High School,	9 50
Cash on hand,	534 95
	$7,215 44

DISTRICT INDEBTEDNESS.

Sundry notes,	4378 00	
Interest on same, nearly	300 00	
		$4,678 00
Paid Batchelder, note and interest,	537 00	
Interest to National Granite State Bank,	26 79	
		$563 78
Balance of indebtedness,		$4114 22
Received from the Town of Exeter,	$ 550 00	
Due from Town of Exeter,	4,130 00	
		$4,680 00

GEO. A. WENTWORTH,
W. N. DOW,
J. W. MERRILL, Jr.,
} Prudential Com'tee of the District.